

TOWN OF DAVIE
FIRST BUDGET WORKSHOP
JUNE 11, 2014

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were Mayor Paul, Vice-Mayor Caletka and Councilmembers Hattan, Luis and Starkey. Also present were Town Administrator Lemack, Town Attorney Rayson and Assistant Town Clerk Roig recording the meeting.

Councilmember Caletka made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Starkey to excuse Vice-Mayor Hattan's absence. In a voice vote, with Vice-Mayor Hattan absent, all voted in favor. (Motion carried 4-0)

3. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mr. Lemack gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the FY 2015 budget. He stated based on this presentation, they could have a balanced budget utilizing no General Fund reserves or one-time revenue sources. Mr. Lemack said pursuant to a request at the Vision and Goal Setting Session they were issuing RFPs for Code Compliance, Textile Recycling and the animal shelter, and the CRA was being reorganized. He stated key points of the proposed budget:

- No proposed increase in the millage rate
- No proposed increase in the Fire Assessment
- A reduction of the debt service Millage Rate
- No use of reserves or non-recurring revenue
- A slight solid waste assessment increase
- No reduction of services
- No layoffs

Budget and Finance Director Bill Ackerman explained that population growth was the State's primary driver of economic growth, fueling employment and income growth. He compared the 2014 budget to the proposed 2015 budget. He described revenues for the coming year and said they would have an increase of \$2.1 million in revenues due to new construction and an increase in property values. The proposed 2015 millage rate was 5.0829; the estimated roll back rate was 4.8485; the maximum millage rate that could be passed by simple majority of the Council was 5.2927.

Mr. Ackerman stated the Town had the ability to maintain emergency reserves equal to 25% of the General Fund budget. Estimated revenues were \$28.1 million. He described expenditures by department and noted that Police and Fire comprised 66% of the Town's budget. Mr. Ackerman said overall, there were budget increases in all departments related to salaries and benefits.

Mr. Lemack explained positions added in the General fund and stated they were only adding five positions.

Mr. Ackerman stated the average single-family homeowner would experience a \$19.56 increase in taxes for the year. He said in July, they would have updated numbers from the State and County.

Mr. Ackerman related the following meeting dates:

- July 30 - Next budget workshop
- August 6 - Endowment and CIP workshop
- September 12 - Special Assessment hearing
- September 3 and 17 - Budget hearings

Mayor Paul said the balanced budget was commendable. Mr. Ackerman said he would ask the bond company for a better rate based on the fact that the Town would not use reserves or non-recurring revenue to balance the budget. Mayor Paul was pleased they could give raises to non-represented employees this year. Mayor Paul thought getting \$750,000 for capital improvements was a great start. She was glad to see the animal-related items in the budget.

Councilmember Starkey thanked Mr. Lemack and staff for working so hard. She wanted to add a Fire Foam event in Parks and Recreation. Councilmember Starkey believed their bond rating might improve and they could get a better interest rate because they would not use reserves or non-recurring revenue to balance the budget.

Councilmember Caletka thanked staff for the briefing he had received on Friday. He thought the fact that they would have no new bond debt in the next five years could also help them get a better interest rate. Councilmember Caletka wished the hours of the Betty Boothe Roberts pool to be extended if possible.

Councilmember Luis thanked Mr. Lemack and staff for the comprehensive briefing.

Mayor Paul thanked staff for their time and energy, especially their efforts to meet with employees and residents, which made the process more transparent to the public.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Approved_____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk